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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (copy attached hereto) mailed November 9, 2005 from the USPTO in the above-identified patent application, Applicant encloses a corrected claim section containing a complete listing of all claims following this page. Duplicate claim 59 has also been deleted. Entry and consideration of the claim amendments as presented herein is respectfully requested.

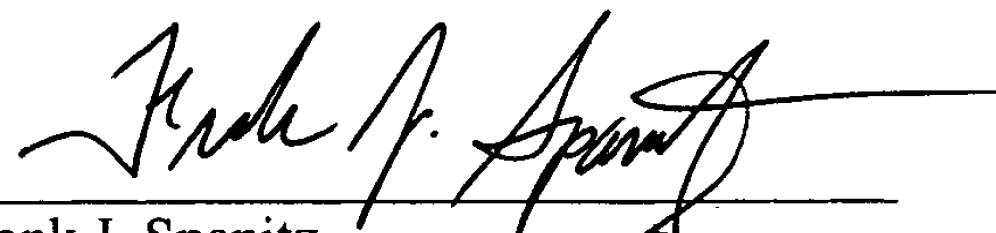
No fee is believed to be due since this response is being timely filed within one month from the mailing of the attached Notice. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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